

completely what he will accomplish in life, equality of opportunity, education and social reform would be of no significance. Such an extreme position, though it is approached by men with so much authority as Sir Francis Galton, Prof. Karl Pearson, Dr. F. A. W. S. Clouston, and others, is not

E. L. Thorndike, is untenable. Equally extreme in the opposite direction is M. Odin's aphorism "Genius is in things, not in men," or the not uncommon opinion that almost anything

"Among the two hundred most eminent men who have lived in the history of the world are Napoleon III., Nero, Fox, Julian, Fenelon, Clive, Alberoni, Bentley and Gerson. It is

"In the meanwhile we must do the best we can with the material at hand, even though the interpretation is in nearly all cases ambiguous. It is here quite conceivable that there are at present living in the United States hundreds or thousands of men having as great natural ability as these. There may be a hundred thousand men and women having the natural ability of the brilliant scientists of the present."

shown that 43 per cent. of our leading scientific men have come from the professional classes. We may conclude that more than one-fifth of the men of science come from the 1 per cent. of the population most favorably situated to produce them. The son of a successful professional man fifty times as likely to become a leading scientific man as a boy taken at random from the community. My data also show that a boy born in Massachusetts fifty times as likely to become a scientific man as a boy born along the

Southeastern seaboard from Georgia to Louisiana. They further show that a boy is fifty times as likely to do scientific work as a girl. No negro in

this country has hitherto accomplished scientific work of consequence. A boy from the professional classes in New England has a million chances to become a scientific leader as compared with one chance for a negro girl from the cotton fields.

"A Darwin born in China in 1809 could not have become a Darwin, nor could a Lincoln born here on the same day have become a Lincoln had there been no civil war. If the two infants had been exchanged there

would have been no Darwin in America and no Lincoln in England. Darwin was a member of a distinguished family line possessing high natural ability and the advantages of opportunity and wealth. Lincoln had no parental inheritance of ability or cal heredity; on the other hand, marriage, chiefly determined by environment, is an important factor in maintaining family lines. If performance were determined by heredity alone there might be expected to be among our thousands leading scientific

wealth, but he too had innate capacity and the opportunity of circumstances. "If no infants had been born with the peculiar natural constitutions of Darwin and Lincoln, men like them could not have been made by any social institutions, but none the less men some forty mulattoes and some forty of illegitimate birth, whereas there is probably not one of either class."

THEY HEED THE SERMON.

Couple Stop Discourse on Marriage and Are Wed.

FREDERICK, Md., May 7.—The regular service at the Brunswick Baptist Church was turned into a wedding party when some one walked up the aisle and

this country other individuals as well constituted as Lincoln, but undistinguished from lack of opportunity. It is still more probable that such conditions obtain in Russia and in China. In whose graveyards there may lie innumerable 'mute inglorious' Miltons.

Lincolns and Darwins. married. This ended the sermon.

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